

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-9 (canceled).

10. (new): A security document having a first part and a second part and having a contactless chip including a transponder comprising:

an electronic module connected to an antenna placed on a given surface of a first part of the document, said transponder being designed to communicate remotely via an electromagnetic coupling with a reader,

a passive masking element of said antenna, supported by said second part of the document, which can move relative to said first part, said masking element being capable of disturbing the coupling between the transponder and the reader for rendering the reading of the document impossible when said second part is in a predetermined position that corresponds to a closed position of the document.

11. (new): The security document as claimed in claim 10, wherein the passive masking element comprises a thin metallic layer of a given form, arranged in such a way that, when the document is in the closed position, said layer is facing all or part of the surface area covered by the antenna.

12. (new): The security document as claimed in claim 11, wherein the form of said layer is such that, when the document is in the closed position, said layer is facing all or part of the peripheral area of the surface area covered by the antenna.

13. (new): The security document as claimed in claim 11, wherein said thin layer is formed from a sheet of metallic material.

14. (new): The security document as claimed in claim 13, wherein said sheet is an aluminum sheet.

15. (new): The security document as claimed in claim 11, wherein said thin layer is formed by means of a screen printed conductive paste.

16. (new): The security document as claimed in claim 11, wherein said thin layer is directly supported by said second part of the document.

17. (new): The security document as claimed in claim 11, wherein said thin layer is formed on a support glued to said second part of the document.

18. (new): The security document as claimed in claim 10, wherein the passive masking area is formed from a lossy magnetic material.

19. (new): The security document as claimed in claim 18, wherein said material is a ferrite composite.

20. (new): The security document as claimed in claim 10 formed of a passport type book, with a set of interlinked elements, including a front cover, a back cover and one or more movable sheets, in which the first part and the second part of the document, respectively supporting the antenna and the passive masking element, are formed of two separate elements of the document, such that the reading of the document is made impossible in the closed position of the book.

21. (new): The security document as claimed in claim 20, wherein the antenna and the masking element are respectively supported by each of the covers of the book.

22. (new): The security document as claimed in claim 20, wherein the antenna and the masking element are respectively supported by one of said covers and one of said movable sheets.

23. (new): The security document as claimed in claim 20, wherein the antenna and the masking element are respectively supported by one of the movable sheets and one of the covers or one of said other movable sheets.

24. (new): The security document as claimed in claim 20, formed of a card and a protective case, in which, the antenna of the transponder being supported by said card forming

said first element, the passive masking element is supported by the case forming said second element, such that the reading of the card is made impossible when the latter is stored in the case.

25. (new): The security document as claimed in claim 24, wherein the case comprises two flaps that can be folded one over the other, a first flap with a recess in which the card is designed to be inserted, the second flap supporting the passive masking element, such that the reading of the card is made impossible when the flaps of the case are folded one over the other.